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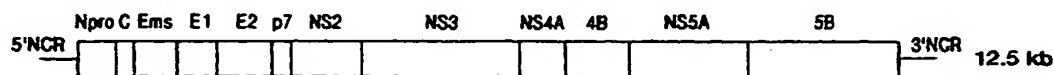
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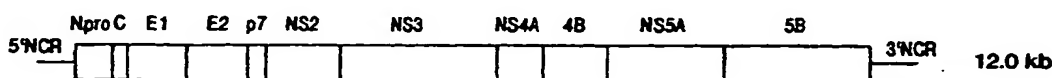
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HCV-H77C



HCV/BVDV (Chimeric RNA)



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Background Of Invention

Hepatitis C virus (HCV) has a positive-sense single-strand RNA genome and is a member of the genus Hepacivirus within the Flaviviridae family of viruses (Rice, 1996). As for all positive-stranded RNA viruses, the genome of HCV functions as mRNA from which all viral proteins necessary for propagation are translated.

The viral genome of HCV is approximately 9600 nucleotides (nts) in length and consists of a highly conserved 5' untranslated region (UTR), a single long open reading frame (ORF) of approximately 9,000 nts and a complex 3' UTR. The 5' UTR contains an internal ribosomal entry site (Tsukiyama-Kohara et al., 1992; Honda et al., 1996). The 3' UTR consists of a short variable region, a polypyrimidine tract of variable length and, at the 3' end, a highly conserved region of approximately 100 nucleotides (Kolykhalov et al., 1996;

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accounts for the majority of HCV infections but genotypes 2 and 3 each account for 5-15%.

At present, more than 80% of individuals infected with HCV become chronically infected and these chronically infected individuals have a relatively high risk of developing chronic hepatitis, liver cirrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma (Hoofnagle, 1997). The only effective therapy for chronic hepatitis C, interferon (IFN), alone or in combination with ribavirin, induces a sustained response in less than 50% of treated patients (Davis et al., 1998; McHutchinson et al., 1998). Consequently, HCV is currently the most common cause of end stage liver failure and the reason for about 30% of liver transplants performed in the U.S. (Hoofnagle, 1997). In addition, a number of recent studies suggested that the severity of liver disease and the outcome of therapy may be genotype-dependent (reviewed in Bukh et al., 1997). In particular, these studies suggested that infection with HCV genotype 1b was associated with more severe liver disease (Brecht, 1997) and a poorer response to IFN therapy (Fried and Hoofnagle, 1995). As a result of the inability to develop a universally effective therapy against HCV infection, it is estimated that there are still more than 25,000 new infections yearly in the U.S. (Alter 1997) Moreover, since there is no vaccine for HCV, HCV remains a serious public health problem.

Despite the intense interest in the development of vaccines and therapies for HCV, progress has been hindered by the absence of a useful cell culture system for laboratory study (2-7). For example, although the virus has been grown in some cell lines,

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chimeric nucleic acid sequences to study the molecular properties of HCV indirectly in vitro.

The present invention also relates to the polypeptides encoded by the chimeric nucleic acid sequences of the invention or fragments thereof.

The invention also provides that the chimeric nucleic acid sequences and the chimeric viruses of the invention be supplied in the form of a kit, alone or in the form of a pharmaceutical composition.

DESCRIPTION OF FIGURES

Fig. 1. Genomic organization of BVDV, HCV and HCV/BVDV chimera. The BVDV and HCV are NADL (14, 21) and H77 strains (12), respectively. The complete BVDV-NADL genome consists of, in 5' to 3' order, 5'NCR (nucleotides 1-385), N^{pro} (nucleotides 386-889), Core (nucleotides 890-1195), E^{ns} (nucleotides 1196-1876), E1 (nucleotides 1877-2461), E2 (nucleotides 2462-3583), P7 and nonstructural genes (nucleotides 3584-12349) and 3'NCR (nucleotides 12352-12578).

Fig. 2. Strategy for the construction of chimeric cDNA, pHCV/BVDV-3, which has core, E1 and E2 of HCV in the backbone of BVDV. The fusion PCR products were cloned into pBV18-F2 after digestion with *Sna*B I and *Bsm* I. The fragments containing fusion PCR products were cloned into pSDMlu-3' after digestion with *Cla* I and *Dra* III.

Figures 3A-3H show the nucleotide and deduced amino acid sequences of the infectious HCV clone of genotype 1a.

Figures 4A-4H show the nucleotide and deduced amino acid sequences of the infectious clone of genotype

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constructed. Such chimeras can be used to determine the relative importance of E1 or E2 for infection of cell lines. In another embodiment, HCV/BVDV chimeras in which one of the nonstructural genes of BVDV, such as NS3 RNA helicase, NS3 protease, or the NS5B RNA-dependent RNA polymerase are replaced by the corresponding non-structural genes of HCV may be constructed. Such chimeras would, for example, be useful in identifying inhibitors of viral enzyme activity which would be useful as antiviral agents.

In yet another embodiment, hypervariable region 1 (HVR1) from multiple HCV genotypes may be combined into one HCV/BVDV chimera. The only limit for constructing this type of chimera is that the viral genome must be able to be packaged. Alternatively, a chimera can be constructed which contain an HVR1 sequence from one HCV genotype. Such chimeras can be used as an inactivated multivalent vaccine or to screen for neutralizing antibodies to multiple HCV genotypes.

The HCV/BVDV chimeras of the invention may be constructed using any HCV and BVDV clones. However, in a preferred embodiment, the HCV clones are infectious HCV clones of genotype 1a (ATCC accession number PTA-157; Figures 3A-3F), 1b (ATCC accession number 209596; Figures 4A-4F) or 2a (ATCC accession number PTA-153; SEQ ID NOS:3-4) and the infectious BVDV clone pVVNADL are used.

In constructing the chimeric nucleic acid sequences of the invention, it is to be understood that the retention of the E^{ns} gene of BVDV in any chimeric is entirely optional. Thus, when it is stated that the HCV/BVDV chimeras could be constructed in which, for

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the growing of animal cells in vitro and transfecting the cells with the chimeric nucleic acid of the invention, then determining if the cells show indicia of HCV infection. Such indicia include the detection of viral antigens in the cell, for example, by immunofluorescence procedures well known in the art; the detection of viral polypeptides by Western blotting using antibodies specific therefor; and the detection of newly transcribed viral RNA within the cells via methods such as RT-PCR. The presence of live, infectious virus particles following such tests may also be shown by injection of cell culture medium or cell lysates into healthy, susceptible animals, with subsequent exhibition of the signs and symptoms of HCV infection. Alternatively, the presence of live, infectious virus particles following such tests may also be shown by serial passaging the chimeric virus in cells.

Suitable cells or cell lines for culturing the chimeric viruses of the invention include, but are not limited to, EBTr(A) and Huh7.

Preferably, transfection of cells with the chimeric sequences is carried out in the presence of helper BVDV which is preferably of a noncytopathogenic strain. In one embodiment, the cell lines to be infected may already contain a helper BVDV. Such cells include, but are not limited to, EBTr(A).

Alternatively, the cell lines to be transfected may be infected with a helper BVDV prior to, or concurrent with, transfection with the chimeric sequences of the invention.

The present invention also relates to polypeptides encoded by the chimeric nucleic acid

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can then be used to immunize chimpanzees to determine whether the antibodies are protective. Alternatively, cells infected with the chimeric viruses of the invention may be passaged in cell culture to produce attenuated viruses which can be tested as candidate live vaccines. In assaying the ability of the chimeric viruses of the invention to infect mammals one can assay sera or liver of the infected mammal by RT-PCR to determine viral titer. In addition, the virulence phenotype of the virus produced by transfection of mammals with the sequences of the invention can be monitored by methods known in the art such as measurement of liver enzyme levels (alanine aminotransferase (ALT) or isocitrate dehydrogenase (ICD)) or by histopathology of liver biopsies.

Alternatively, mutations may be introduced into the HCV portion of the HCV/BVDV chimeras of the invention in order to enable the production of virions in cell cultures which could then be tested in vivo for improved vaccine properties.

In another embodiment, multiple chimeras containing HCV structural genes (or fragments thereof, such as the HVR1) from multiple genotypes can be administered to generate multivalent vaccines.

When used as a vaccine, the chimeric virions can be administered alone or in a suitable diluent, including, but not limited to, water, saline, or some type of buffered medium. The vaccine according to the present invention may be administered to an animal, especially a mammal, and most especially a human, by a variety of routes, including, but not limited to, intradermally, intramuscularly, subcutaneously, or in

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serum free of BVDV and antibodies to BVDV (Boyt Veterinary, Neosho, MO) was used. All cells were incubated at 37°C in 5% CO₂.

Table 1

List of Cell Lines

Cell	Origin	Medium
EBTr(A)	Embryonic bovine trachea	10% FBS/MEM
BT	Bovine turbinate	10% horse serum/MEM
MDBK	Bovine kidney	10% horse serum/MEM
EBTr (B)	Embryonic bovine trachea	10% FBS/MEM
Huh 7	human hepatoma	10% FBS/DMEM F12

Antibodies

H79: plasma from patient H obtained in the chronic phase two years after the onset of HCV infection (11); CH1530: serum pool from chimpanzee 1530, obtained in the chronic phase one to two years after the onset of HCV infection. Chimpanzee 1530 became infected with HCV following intrahepatic transfection with pCV-H77C (Yanagi 1997); LMF86 and LMF87: anti-HVR1 (Farci 1996), rabbit anti-peptide sera; Mab NS: anti-BVDV NS3 murine monoclonal antibody kindly provided by Dr. E. Dubovi (Cornell University, Ithaca, NY).

Construction of HCV/BVDV chimeric clone

The C, E1 and E2 genes originating from an infectious clone of the H77 strain of HCV (pCV-H77C, ref. Yanagi 1997), and the backbone originating from two subgenomic plasmids (pBV18-F2 and pSDMlu-3'), used by Vassilev et al. (Vassilev 1997) to generate the infectious clone of the NADL strain of BVDV (pVVNADL), were used to construct the chimeric cDNA clone pHCV-BVDV-3 (ATCC deposit Number PTA-158). The chimeric clone includes sequences corresponding to nucleotides

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HCV/BVDV sequence of the final preparation was determined using standard procedures and about 90 specific sense and antisense primers. Clone pHCV/BVDV-3 was apparently stable since the digestion pattern was as expected following retransformation. The complete sequence differed slightly from the published BVDV sequence of the NADL strain (21), but encoded an intact polyprotein.

Table 2

Oligonucleotides used for PCR amplification

Name	Sequences (5' - 3')	Underline
N-C/H77/S	CAAGTTGCAGCACGAATCCTAAACCTCAAAGAA	N OF BVDV-NADL
MluI/NADL/S	CACGCGTATCGATGAATTCTG	Mlu I
B2-P7/NADL/S	AGCGGAGGCGATTTCAGTATGGATCAGGGGAAGTG	E2 OF HCV
E2-P7/H77/R	ATACTGAATCGCCTCCGCTTGGGATATGAG	P7 OF BVDV-NADL
N-C/NADL/R	AGGATTCGTGCTGCAACTTGTGACCCATAGAGGG	Core OF HCV
	CAGTC	
BanI/NADL/R	TACCAGGCTGAGAATGCACTGTAAC	Bsm I
2937S-HCBV	CCTTGTCACCGGCCTCATCCACCTCCACC	
1353S-NADL	CAATTCATGGTATGATGGATGC	
1419S-NADL	AGTGGACAAGCATGGTTGGTG	
2335-NADL	CCACGTGGACGAGGCATGCC	
3342R-NADL	CCTGAATCGGCCTTTACCACATCCCCAATC	
1623R-NADL	TTCTTTCTTTCTTGCAACCTGT	
1590R-NADL	GGGCTATCTCTAGCTTGTGTAC	
389R-NADL	CCATGTGCCATGTACAGCAGAG	

Transfection of cell lines with transcribed RNA

The plasmid pHCV/BVDV-3 was linearized with SacII (NEB) and treated with T4 DNA polymerase (GIBCO/BRL) to remove the resulting 3' overhang. A truncated form of pHCV/BVDV-3, generated by digestion with HindIII, was used as a negative control. Two micrograms of DNA were transcribed at 37°C for 2 hrs in a 100 µl reaction volume containing 50 U of T7 RNA polymerase (Promega), 10 mM DTT (Promega), 120 U of Rnasin (Promega) and 1 mM rNTPs (GIBCO/BRL). Five microliters of the final reaction mixture was analyzed

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with phosphate buffered saline (PBS) for 10 min. Thereafter, cells were incubated for 20-60 min at 37°C with primary antibodies diluted in 10% bovine serum albumin (BSA) in PBS. As primary antibodies we used an anti-HCV human plasma sample (H79, 1:100 dilution), an anti-HCV chimpanzee serum (CH1530, 1:100 dilution) and an anti-BVDV NS3 monoclonal antibody (Mab-NS, 1:10 dilution). After washing with PBS for 15 min, cells were incubated for 20-40 min at 37°C with secondary antibodies; fluorescein-isothiocyanate (FITC)-conjugated goat anti-human antibody (SIGMA) for H79 and CH1530, and rhodamine-conjugated anti-mouse antibody (PIERCE) for anti-BVDV NS3. For double staining, H79 or CH1530 anti-HCV antibody was mixed with the anti-BVDV NS3 monoclonal antibody and incubated on fixed cells as above, followed by washing and incubation with a mixture of both secondary antibodies. After washing, slides were mounted and examined by fluorescence microscopy (Zeiss).

Determination of sucrose
gradient density of recovered viruses

A T150 flask of EBTr(A) cells was inoculated with virus stock. At days 9 and 13, respectively, supernatant was harvested. A total of 70 ml of supernatant was layered over 20% sucrose in TN buffer [50mM Tris and 100mM NaCl (pH 7.4)] and centrifuged at 28,000 rpm in an SW28 swinging bucket rotor (Beckman) for 19 hrs at 4°C. The pellet was resuspended in 100 µl of TN buffer. For sucrose equilibrium gradient centrifugation, the resuspended pellet was layered onto a 20-60% (wt/wt) sucrose gradient in TN buffer and centrifuged at 36,000 rpm in an SW40 swinging bucket

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incubated with ECL Western blotting detection reagent (Amersham) and exposed to film.

Detection of chimeric genomic RNA by RT-PCR assays

Total RNA was extracted with the TRIzol reagent from 10 or 100 µl of cell suspension, supernatant or material from the sucrose gradient. The RNA pellet was resuspended in 10 mM dithiothreitol (DTT) containing 5% (vol/vol) of RNAsin (20-40 U/µl) (Promega). The RT was performed with avian myeloblastosis virus reverse transcriptase (Promega) and the external anti-sense primer (see below) and PCR was performed with AmpliTaq Gold DNA polymerase (Perkin Elmer) as described (Bukh, 1998a). Specificity was confirmed by sequence analysis of selected DNA products. Each set of experiments included a low titer positive control sample and appropriate negative controls. HCV/BVDV chimeric genomes were detected in one round of PCR with the primers 2937S-HCBV and 3342R-HCBV (Table 2). The structural region of BVDV was detected in an RT-nested PCR with external primers 1353S-NADL and 1623R-NADL and internal primers 1419S-NADL and 1590R-NADL (Table 2). These primers were conserved among all known BVDV strains. Finally, the 5' UTR sequence of BVDV was detected by using universal primers that detect both HCV and BVDV (Bukh 1992, Yanagi 1996), as well as universally conserved BVDV primers (233S-NADL and 389R-NADL). The genome equivalent (GE) titer of HCV, BVDV and HCV/BVDV in positive samples was determined by RT-nested PCR on 10-fold serial dilutions of the extracted RNA (Bukh 1998a). One GE was defined as the number of genomes present in the highest dilution

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the Vectastain Elite kit (Vector Laboratories, Burlingame, CA) for peroxidase staining per the manufacturer's directions. The peroxidase substrate kit was Vector VIP (Vector Laboratory). Color development was stopped by washing the slide with water followed by air drying. Foci were counted with the aid of a dissecting microscope.

Focus neutralization assay

The assay was performed exactly as for the focus assay except the 200 μ l inoculum consisted of 100 μ l of chimeric virus diluted in 10% DMEM, 20 μ l undiluted test or control serum, and 80 μ l 10% DMEM. Each 200 μ l sample was incubated at 4° C in ice overnight prior to inoculation of cells. Sera included fetal calf serum (Boyt) and rabbit pre-immune serum as negative controls, hyperimmune rabbit antisera raised to peptides spanning the HVR1 region of the H27 strain of HCV (Farci, 1996), and goat anti-BVDV (VMRD Pullman, WA) prepared without azide. All sera had been heat-inactivated at 56° C for 30 minutes.

Immunofluoresence neutralization assay in Huh7 cells

Two hundred microliters of chimeric virus was mixed with 20 μ l of serum or plasma, incubated on ice overnight and added to one well of a four-well chamber slide. After 2 hours at 30°C, 1 ml of agarose overlay was added as for the focus assay. Four days later, slides were fixed and stained as for immunofluoresence microscopy and stained cells were manually counted by scanning the entire well using a Zeis microscope and the 40X objective.

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a particle containing significant amounts of HCV proteins.

Although the proportion of cells producing HCV proteins increased in EBTr(A) cells, it remained low in the MDBK, BT, and EBTr(B) cell lines, suggesting that the virus was not spreading in these cells. In order to determine if these cells were making infectious virus, a homologous transmission was attempted by removing supernatant from each transfected culture and adding it to a new culture of the same cell line. The only successful transmission was from the transfected EBTr(A) cells to naive EBTr(A) cells (Table 3). Therefore, although the chimeric virus genome could replicate in all four cell lines and produced HCV proteins, only in the EBTr(A) cells was virion morphogenesis coupled with availability of a receptor conducive to infection.

Table 3

Homologous passage and heterologous passage

	Transfection	Homologous passage	Heterologous passage
EBTr(A)	+	+	
EBTr (B)	+	-	+
BT	+	-	+
MDBK	+	-	+
: Supernatants from transfected cells were passed onto new cells of the same type.			
: Supernatants from transfected EBTr(A) cells were passed to indicated cells.			

Two heterologous transmission experiments were performed to determine if the three other cell lines released infectious particles. In the first experiment, supernatant from transfected MDBK cells was inoculated onto the EBTr(A) cells. Immunofluorescence microscopy

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RT-PCR primers designed to amplify known BVDV strains were able to amplify a cDNA fragment from uninoculated EBTr(A) cultures (titer: 10^6 GE/ml). The sequence of the cDNA was determined and found to match that of the CP-7 strain of BVDV (18).

Based on the data that only EBTr cells harboring BVDV were able to produce infectious particles containing the chimeric genome, it was hypothesized that the endogenous virus was serving as a helper virus, possibly by providing BVDV structural proteins. In order to determine if the infectious chimeric particles contained BVDV glycoproteins, a focus assay was developed in which cells expressing the chimeric genome were identified by their reactivity with CH1530 anti-HCV serum. An infectivity titer of 10^5 chimeric viruses/ml was obtained for passage 10 virus, which had an RT-PCR titer of 10^8 to 10^9 GE/ml. Chimeric virus produced in EBTr(A) cells was examined for its susceptibility to neutralization by anti-serum to BVDV as compared to neutralization by anti-sera raised against the hypervariable region 1 (HVR1) of the same HCV strain as was in the chimera. Dilutions of chimeric virus were incubated overnight with anti-BVDV, anti-HCV or control sera and the number of infectious particles remaining was determined by the focus assay (Table 4). The number of foci in the rabbit and bovine serum controls decreased in parallel with the dilution factor, indicating that the assay was linear and reliable. The anti-HCV sera did not neutralize the chimera. In contrast, anti-BVDV eliminated all foci at each dilution, suggesting that each and every infectious particle contained BVDV glycoproteins and that they were

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into these cells might be totally independent of HCV glycoprotein. Thirdly, the HCV E2 glycoprotein might not have folded properly to function or to be recognized by the antibody. The question of the neutralizing potential of the anti-HVR1 serum cannot be answered at this time. By an immunofluorescence microscopy assay, the anti-HVR1 serum had titers of 1:1600 and 1:3200 for rabbits LMF86 and LMF87 respectively but the antibody detected by this assay is not necessarily neutralizing antibody. The functionality of the HCV glycoproteins would best be proved by infecting cells which are not susceptible to infection by BVDV due to an absence of the BVDV receptor. Huh 7 cells were chosen as an experimental system to test for functional HCV glycoproteins because they are a human cell line which grows well and is of hepatocyte origin. Attempts to infect Huh 7 cells with the endogenous BVDV virus of the EBTr(A) cell line were not successful, suggesting either that the receptor for BVDV was absent or that the BVDV genome was unable to replicate in these cells. Attempts to infect the Huh 7 cells with the chimera were more successful. Four days after incubation with 2×10^4 EBTr(A) tissue culture infectious doses (TCID) of the chimera, Huh 7 cells could be stained with antibody to NS3 as well as with antibody to HCV. Quantification of the number of infected cells indicated that the inoculum contained 10^3 TCID /ml for Huh 7 as compared to 10^5 /ml for EBTr(A) cells. Although the cells could be infected, the virus did not spread, suggesting that in Huh 7 cells, as in the MDBK and BT cells, virions either were not assembled or were not released from cells. Most likely, the CP-7 virus could not provide the

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antibody but at a lower titer. Since the DNA vaccine expressed only the E2 glycoprotein, this protein must be involved in binding to Huh 7 cells. The plasma from chimp 1530 contained antibodies to the HCV envelope proteins as measured by ELISA or immunofluoresence microscopy but apparently, these were not neutralizing antibodies. Chimpanzee 1494 did not have demonstrable antibodies against the HCV glycoproteins so its failure to neutralize was not unexpected. Therefore, the chimera should be very useful for screening samples for neutralizing antibodies and discriminating between those that neutralize as compared to those that just bind.

Table 5

Neutralization of chimeric
virus growth in Huh 7 cells¹

Virus dilution	Number of foci ²		
	Fetal Calf Serum (Boyt)	Anti-HCV HVR1	Anti-BVDV
Undiluted	191	298	0
Dilution (1:10)	23	43	0
1. Huh 7 cells were used for infection but the virus had been grown in EBTr (A) cells.			
2. Foci stained with chimp 1530 anti-HCV and visualized by immunofluoresence microscopy.			

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glycoproteins were synthesized, it would be feasible to test purified chimeric virions as a candidate inactivated vaccine. Purified chimeric virions can be tested first in mice and if antibody to HCV is produced, the virions will be tested in chimpanzees to determine if the candidate vaccine is efficacious. The fact that virions grown in EBTr(A) cells were able to infect Huh 7 cells and were neutralized by some anti-HCV positive plasmas (Table 6) suggests that such chimeric viruses could be used to screen for neutralizing antibodies to HCV as well as to screen other cell lines for HCV receptors. The infectivity of the chimera proves the principle that HCV-BVDV chimeras can serve as a useful tool for studying the molecular biology of HCV. The glycoprotein genes from the five other genotypes of HCV can be similarly inserted into the BVDV backbone in order to provide an assay for antibodies to each genotype. Additional chimeras are being constructed in which the core protein of BVDV is included so that only the glycoproteins of HCV are introduced. If BVDV core is critical for encapsidation of the RNA, it may be possible to generate chimeric viruses in the absence of helper. It will also be revealing to determine if the HCV contribution to the chimera can be localized to either E1 or E2 alone. Such a chimera will be tested for its ability to infect EBTr(A) and Huh 7 cells. These studies will help determine the relative importance of E1 and E2 for infection of Huh 7 cells and may define any association with the BVDV glycoproteins. In addition, chimeras in which the BVDV nonstructural genes such as p7 or NS4B or NS5A are replaced with the corresponding genes of HCV may also be generated to

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has been replaced by the non-structural region of a hepatitis C virus genome.

8. The nucleic acid molecule of claim 7, wherein at least one gene from the non-structural region of the BVDV genome has been replaced by the corresponding gene from the non-structural region of a hepatitis C virus genome.

9. A DNA construct comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claims 1, 2 or 7.

10. An RNA transcript of the DNA construct of claim 9.

11. A polypeptide encoded by the nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1.

12. A polypeptide encoded by the nucleic acid molecule according to claim 2.

13. The polypeptide according to claim 12, wherein said polypeptide is selected from the group consisting of E1, E2 or C.

14. A host cell transfected with the DNA construct of claim 9.

15. A host cell transfected with the RNA transcript of claim 10.

16. A chimeric HCV-BVDV virus produced by transfecting a host cell with the DNA construct of claim 9.

17. A chimeric HCV-BVDV virus produced by transfecting a host cell with the RNA transcript of claim 10.

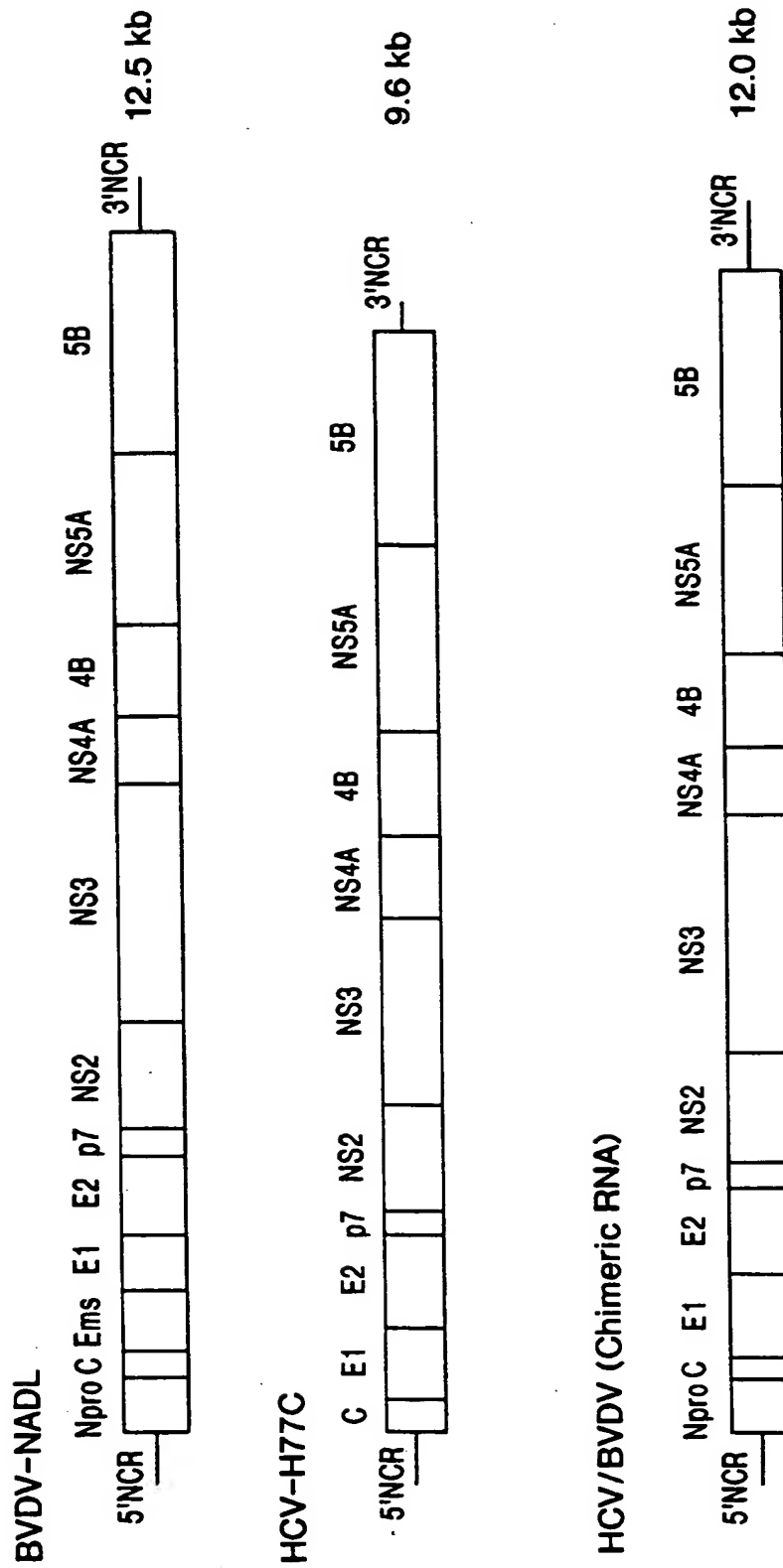


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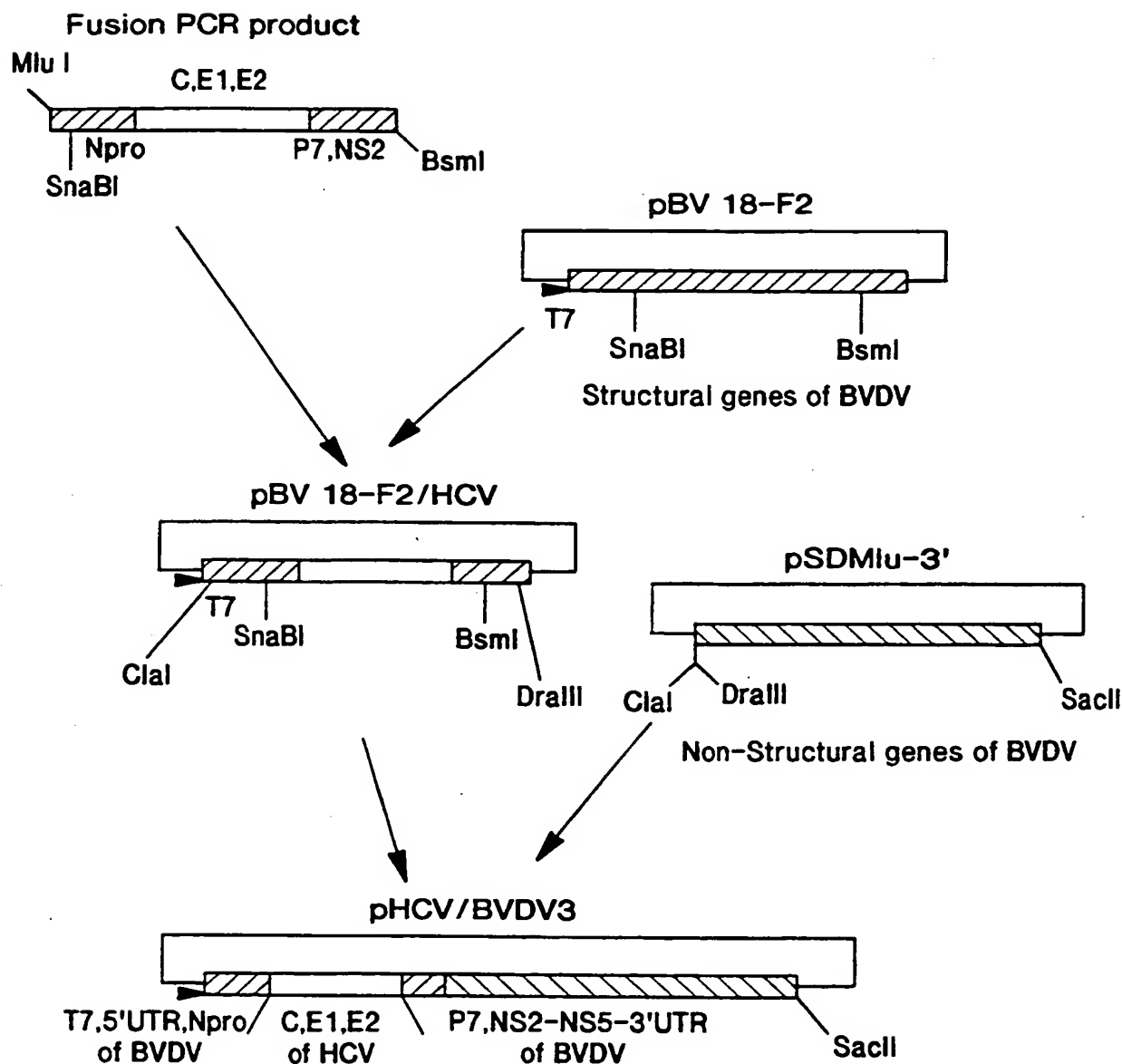


FIG. 2

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TGTCGTGCAG	CCTCCAGGAC	CCCCCCTCCC	GGGAGAGCCA	TAGTGGTCTG	150
CGGAACCGGT	GAGTACACCG	GAATTGCCAG	GACGACCGGG	TCCTTTCTTG	200
GATAAACCGG	CTCAATGCGT	GGAGATTGCG	GGGTGCCCCC	GCAAGACTGC	250
TAGCCGAGTA	GTGTGTTGGT	GCGAAAGGCC	TTGTGGTACT	GGCTGATAGG	300
GTGCTTGCGA	GTGCCCCGGG	AGGTCTGGTA	GACCGTGCAC	CATGAGCAAG	350
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GGACGTCAAG	TTCCCGGGTG	GCGGTGAGAT	CGTTGGTGGG	GTTTACTTGT	450
TGCCCGCCAG	GGGCCCCAGA	TTGGGTGTGC	GCGCGACGAG	GAAGACTTCC	500
GAGCGGTGCG	AACCTGGAGG	TAGAAGTCAG	CCTATCCCCA	AGGCAGGTGG	550
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GCAATGAGGG	TTGCGGGTGG	GCGGGATGGC	TCCTGTCTCC	CCGTGGCTCT	650
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TCCTATCAGT	TATGCCAACG	GAAGCGGCTT	CGACGAACGC	CCCTACTGCT	1800
GGCACTACCC	TCCAAGACCT	TGTGGCATTT	TGCCCCGAAA	GAGCGTGTGT	1850
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FIG. 3A

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CAAGGGGTGG	AGGTGTCTGG	CGCCCATCAC	GCGGTACGCC	CAGCAGACGA	3450
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FIG. 3B

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FIG. 3C
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GCCCCCCCCCT	TCTGGCTGCC	CCCCGACTC	CGACGTTGAG	TCCATATCTT	7500
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FIG. 3D

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GGGCTGCCAT	ATGTGGCAAG	TACCTCTTCA	ACTGGGCAGT	AAGAACAAG	9200
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FIG. 3F

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RGSRPSWGPT	DFRRRSRNLG	KVIDTILTOGF	ADLMGYIPLV	GAPLGGAARA	150
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YHVINDCENS	SIVYEAADAI	LHTPGCVPCV	REGNASROW	AVTPTVATRD	250
GKLPITQLRR	HIDLLVGSAT	LCSALYVGD	CGSVFLVGQL	FTFSPPRRHWT	300
TQDNVCSITP	GHTTGHMAW	IMMNWSPTA	ALVVAQLLRI	PQAIMDMIAG	350
AHWGVLGIA	YFSMVGWAK	VLVWLLLFAG	VDAETHVTGG	NAGRTTAGLV	400
GLLTPGAKQN	IQLININGSW	HINSTALNCH	ESLNTGWLAG	LFYQHKFNSS	450
GCPERLASCR	RLTDFAQGWG	PISYANGSGL	DERPYCWHYP	PRPGITVPAK	500
SVOGPIVYCT	PSPVVVGTTD	RSGAPTYSWG	ANDIDVFLIN	NTRPPLGNWF	550
GCTWMNSTGF	TKVCGAPPCV	IGGVGNITLL	CPTDCFRKHP	EATYSRCGSG	600
PWITPRQWVD	YPYRLWHYPC	TINYTIFKVR	MYVGGVEHRL	EAACNWTRGE	650
RCDLEDRDRS	ELSPLLLSTT	QWQVLPCSFT	TLPALSTGLI	HLHQNTVDVQ	700
YLYGVGSSIA	SWAIKWEYVW	LLFLLLADAR	VCSCILWMLL	ISQAEAALEN	750
LVIILNAASLA	GIHGLVSFLV	FFCFAWYLKG	RWVPGAVYAL	YGMWPLLLLL	800
LALPQRAYAL	DTEVAASCGG	VVLVGLMALT	LSPYYKRYIS	WOMMWLQYFL	850
TRVEAQLHW	VPPLNVRGGR	DAVILLMCVV	HPITLVFDITK	LLLAIFGPLW	900
ILQASLLKVP	YFVRVQGLLR	ICALARKIAG	GHYVQMAIHK	LGALTGTIVY	950
NHLTFLRLWA	HNGLRDLAVA	VEPVVFSRME	TKLITWGADT	AACGDIINGL	1000
PVSARRQDEI	LLGPADGMVS	KGRLLAPITT	AYAQQTRGLL	GCIITSLTGR	1050
DKNQVEGEVQ	IVSTATQTFL	ATCINGVCWT	VYHAGIRITI	ASPKGPIVQM	1100
YTNVDQDLVG	WPAPOGSRSL	TPCTCGSSDL	YLVIRHADVI	PVRRRGDSRG	1150
SLLSPRPISY	LKSSSGGPLL	CPAGHAVGLF	RAAVCTRGVA	KAVDFIPVEN	1200
LGTIMRSPVF	TINSSPPAVP	QSFQVAHLHA	PTGSGKSTKV	PAAYAAQGYK	1250
VLVLNPSVAA	TLGFGAYMSK	AHGVDENIRT	GVRTTTTGSP	ITYSTYCKFL	1300
ADGGCSGGAY	DIIICDECHS	TDATSIILGIG	TVLDQAETAG	ARLWLATAT	1350
PPGSVIVSHP	NIEEVALSTT	GEIPFYGKAI	PLEVIKGRH	LIFCHSKKCK	1400
DELAALKVAL	GINAVAYYRG	LDSVVIPTSG	DVVVVSIDAL	MIGFTGDFDS	1450
VIDCNCVITQ	TVDFSLOPTF	TIETTTLPQD	AVSRTQRRGR	TGRKPGIYR	1500
FVAPGERPSG	MFDSSVLCEC	YDAGCAWYEL	TPAETTVRLR	AYMNTFGLPV	1550
CQDHLEFWEG	VFTGLTHIDA	HFLSQTKQSG	ENFPYLVAYQ	ATVCARAQAP	1600
PPSWDQMWKC	LIRLKPTLHG	PTFLLYRLGA	VQNEVTLTHP	ITKYIMTQMS	1650
ADLEVVTSTW	VLVGGVLAAL	AAYCLSTGCV	VIVGRIVLSG	KPAIIPDREV	1700
LYQEFDEMEE	CSQHLPIYEQ	GMMLAEQFKQ	KALGLLQIAS	RHAEVITPAV	1750
QTNWQKLEVF	WAKHMANFIS	GIQYLAGLST	LPGNPAIASL	MAFTAAVTSP	1800
LTTGQITLLEN	ILGGWAAQL	AAPGAATAFV	GAGLAGAAIG	SVGLGKVLVD	1850
ILAGYGAGVA	GALVAFKIMS	GEVPSTEDLV	NLLPAILSPG	ALVVGWVCAA	1900

FIG. 3G

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10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	
ILRRHVGPGE	GAVQAMNRLI	AFASRGNHVS	PTHVVPESDA	AARVTAILSS	1950
LTVTQLLRRL	HQWISSECTT	PCSGSWLRDI	WDWICEVLSD	FKTWLKAKLM	2000
PQLPGIPFVS	CQRGYRGWR	GCGIMHIRCH	CGAETTGHVK	NGIMRIVGPR	2050
TCRNMWSGTF	PINAYTTGPC	TPLPAPNYKF	ALWRVSAEEY	VEIRRVGDFH	2100
YVSGMTIDNL	KCPCQIPSPE	FFTELDGVRL	HRFAPCKPL	LREEVSFRVG	2150
LHEYFVGSQL	PCEPEPDVAV	LTSMLTDPSH	ITAEAGRRL	ARGSPPSMAS	2200
SSASQLSAPS	LKATCTANHD	SPDAELIEAN	LLWRQEMGGN	ITRVESENKV	2250
VILDSFDPLV	AEEDEREVS	PAEILRKSRR	FARALPWAR	PDYNPFLVET	2300
WKKPDYEPPV	VHGCPLPPPR	SPPVPPPRKK	RTVVLTESTL	STALAEIATK	2350
SFGSSSTSGI	TGINTTTSSE	PAPSGCPPDS	DVESYSSMPP	LEGEFGDPDL	2400
SDGSWSIVSS	GADTEDVCC	SMSYSWIGAL	VTPCAAEEQK	LPINALSNSL	2450
LRHNLVYST	TSRSACQROK	KVTFDRLQVL	DSHYQDLKE	VKAAASKVKA	2500
NLLSVEEACS	LTPPHSAKSK	FGYGAKDVR	HARKAVAHIN	SWWKDLEDS	2550
VTPIDTTIMA	KNEVFCVQPE	KGGRKPARLI	VFPDLGVRVC	EKMALYDVS	2600
KLPLAVMGSS	YGFQYSPGQR	VEFLVQAWKS	KKTPMGFSYD	TRCFDSTVTE	2650
SDIRTEEATY	QCCDLDPQAR	VAIKSLTERL	YVGGLINSR	GENCGYRRCR	2700
ASGVLTTSCG	NILTCYIKAR	AACRAAGLQD	CTMLVCGDDL	VVICESAGVQ	2750
EDAASLRAFT	EAMTRYSAAP	GDPPQPEYDL	ELITSCSSNV	SVAHDGACKR	2800
VYYLTRDFTT	FLARAAWETA	RHTPVNSWLG	NIIMFAPTLW	ARMILMIHFF	2850
SVLIARDQLE	QALNCETYGA	CYSIEPLDLP	PIIQRLHGLS	AFSLHSYSEG	2900
EINRVAACLR	KLGVPPLRAW	RHRARSVRAR	LLSRGGRAAI	CGKYLEFNWAV	2950
RTKLKLTPIA	AAGRDLDSGW	FTAGYSGGDI	YHSVSHARPR	WFWFCLLLLA	3000
AGVGITYLLPN	R				3011

FIG. 3H

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10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	
GCCAGCCCC	TGATGGGGG	GACACTCCAC	CATGAATCAC	TCCCCGTGTA	50
GGAACACTG	TCTTCACGCA	GAAAGCGTCT	AGCCATGGCG	TTAGTATGAG	100
TGTGCTGCAG	CCTCCAGGAC	CCCCCTCC	GGGAGAGCCA	TAGTGGTCTG	150
CGGAACCGGT	GAGTACACCG	GAATTGCCAG	GACGACCGGG	TCCCTTCTTG	200
GATCAACCCG	CTCAATGCCT	GGAGATTGCG	GCGTGCCCC	GCGAGACTGC	250
TAGCCGAGTA	GTGTTGGGTC	GCGAAAGGCC	TTGTGGTACT	GCCGTGATAGG	300
GTGCTTGCGA	GTGCCCCGGG	AGGTCTCGTA	GACCGTGCAC	CATGAGCAGG	350
AATCCTAAAC	CTCAAAGAAA	AACCAAACGT	AACACCAACC	GCCGCCACAA	400
GGACGTCAAG	TTCCCCGGCG	GTGGTCAGAT	CGTTGGTGGG	GTTTACCTGT	450
TGCCGCGCAG	GGGCCCCAGG	TTGGGTGTGC	GCGCGACTAG	GAAGGCTTCC	500
GAGCGGTGCG	AACCTCGTGG	AAGGCGACAA	CCTATCCCAA	AGGCTCGCCG	550
ACCCGAGGGC	AGGGCCTGGG	CTCAGCCCCG	GTACCCCTTG	CCCCCTATG	600
GCAATGAGGG	CCTGGGGTGG	GCAGGATGGC	TCCGTGCACC	CCGCGGCTCC	650
CGGCCTAGTT	GGGGCCCCAC	GGACCCCCCG	CGTAGGTGCG	GTAACCTGGG	700
TAAGGTCATC	GATACCCCTA	CATGCGGCTT	CGCCGATCTC	ATGGGGTACA	750
TTCCGCTCGT	CGGCGCCCCC	CTAGGGGGCG	CTGCCAGGGC	CTTGGCACAC	800
GGTGTCCGGG	TTCTGGAGGA	CGCGGTGAAC	TATGCAACAG	GGAACCTGCC	850
CGGTGTCTCT	TTCTCTATCT	TCTCTTTGGC	TCTGCTGTCC	TGTTTGACCA	900
TCCAGCTTC	CGCTTATGAA	GTGCGCAACG	TGTCCGGGAT	ATAACCATGTC	950
ACGAACGACT	GCTCCAACTC	AAGCATTGTG	TATGAGGCAG	CGGACGTGAT	1000
CATGCATACT	CCCGGGTGCG	TGCCCTGTGT	TCAGGAGGGT	AACAGCTCCC	1050
GTGCTGGGT	AGCGCTCACT	CCCACGCTCG	CGGCCAGGAA	TGCCAGCGTC	1100
CCCACTACGA	CAATACGACG	CCACGTGAC	TTGCTCGTTG	GGACGGCTGC	1150
TTCTGTCTCC	GCTATGTACG	TGGGGGATCT	CTGCGGATCT	ATTTTCCCTCG	1200
TCTCCCAGCT	GTTCACCTTC	TGCTCTCGCC	GGCATGAGAC	AGTGCAGGAC	1250
TGCAACTGCT	CAATCTATCC	CGGCCATGTA	TCAGGTCAAC	GCATGGCTTG	1300
GGATATGATG	ATGAACGTGT	CACCTACAAC	AGCCCTAGTG	GTGTCCGAGT	1350
TGCTCCGGAT	CCCACAAGCT	GTGCTGGACA	TGGTGGCGGG	GGCCCACTGG	1400
GGAGTCCCTG	CGGCGCTTGC	CTACTATTCC	ATGGTAGGGA	ACTGGGCTAA	1450
GGTTCGTGAT	GTGCGCTAC	TCTTTGCCCG	CGTTGACGGG	GAGACCCACA	1500
CGACGGGGAG	GGTGGCGGGC	CACACCACCT	CCGGGTTCAC	GTCCCTTTTC	1550
TCATCTGGGG	CGTCTCAGAA	AATCCAGCTT	GTGAATACCA	ACGGCAGCTG	1600
GCACATCAAC	AGGACTGCCC	TAAATTGCAA	TGACTCCCTC	CAAACCTGGT	1650
TCTTTGCCCG	GCTGTTTTAC	GCACACAAGT	TCAACTCGTC	CGGGTGCCCC	1700
GAGCGCATGG	CCAGCTGCCC	CCCCATTGAC	TGGTTGCCCC	AGGGGTGGGG	1750
CCCCATCACC	TATACTAAGC	CTAACAGCTC	GGATCAGAGG	CCTTATTGCT	1800
GGCATTACGC	GCCTCGACCG	TGTGGTGTGC	TACCCGCGTC	GCAGGTGTGT	1850
GGTCCAGTGT	ATTGTTTCAC	CCCAAGCCCT	GTGTGTGGTG	GGACCACCGA	1900

FIG. 4A

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10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	
TCGTTCCGGT	GTCCCTACGT	ATAGCTGGGG	GGAGAATGAG	ACAGACGTGA	1950
TGCTCCTCAA	CAACACGGGT	CCGCCACAAG	GCAACTGGTT	CGGCTGTACA	2000
TGGATGAATA	GTA CTGGGT	CAC TAAGACG	TGCGGAGGTC	CCCCGIGTAA	2050
CATCGGGGGG	GTCGGTAACC	GCACCTTGAT	CTGCCCCAAG	GA CTGCTTCC	2100
GGAAGCACCC	CGAGGCTACT	TACACAAAAT	G TGGCTCGGG	GCCCTGGTTG	2150
ACACCTAGGT	GCCTAGTAGA	CTACCCATAC	AGGCTTTGGC	ACTACCCCTG	2200
CAC TCTCAAT	TTTTCATCT	TTAAGGTTAG	GATGTATGTG	GGGGCGGTGG	2250
AGCACAGGCT	CAATGCCGCA	TGCAATTGGA	CTCGAGGAGA	GCGCTGTAAAC	2300
TTGGAGGACA	GGGATAGGTC	AGAACTCAGC	CCGCTGCTGC	TGTC TACAAC	2350
AGAGTGGCAG	ATACTGCCCT	GTGCTTTTAC	CACCC TACCG	GCTTTATCCA	2400
CTGGTTTGAT	CCATCTCCAT	CAGAACATCG	TGGACGTGCA	ATACTGTAC	2450
GGTGTAGGGT	CAGCGTTTGT	CTCCTTTTGA	ATCAAATGGG	AGTACATCCT	2500
GTTGCTTTTC	CTTCTCCTGG	CAGACGCGCG	CGTGTGTGOC	TGCTTGTGGA	2550
TGATGCTGCT	GATAGCCGAG	GCTGAGGCGG	CCTTAGAGAA	CTTGGTGGTC	2600
CTCAATGCCG	CGTCCGTGGC	CGGAGCGCAT	GGTATTCCTT	CCTTTCTTGT	2650
GTCTTCTGTC	GCCGCCCTGGT	ACATTAAAGG	CAGGCTGGCT	CCTGGGGCGG	2700
CGTATGCTTT	TTATGGCGTA	TGGCCGCTGC	TCCTGCTCCT	ACTGGCGTAA	2750
CCACCACGAG	CTTACGCCCT	GGACCGGGAG	ATGGCTGCAT	CGTGCGGGGG	2800
TGCGGTTCCT	GTAGGTCTGG	TATTCCTTGAC	CTTGTACCA	TACTACAAAG	2850
TGTTTCTCAC	TAGGCTCATA	TGGTGGTTAC	AATACTTTAT	CACCAGAGCC	2900
GAGGCGCACA	TGCAAGTGTG	GGTCCCCCCC	CTCAACGTTT	GGGGAGGCGG	2950
CGATGCCATC	ATCCTCCTCA	CGTGTGCGGT	TCATCCAGAG	TTAATTTTGT	3000
ACATCACCAA	ACTCCTGCTC	GCCATACTCG	GCCCGCTCAT	GGTGCTCCAG	3050
GCTGGCATAA	CGAGAGTGCC	GTA CTTCGTG	CGCGCTCAAG	GGCTCATTCG	3100
TGCATGCATG	TTAGTGCGAA	AAGTGGCCGG	GGGTCAATTAT	GTCCAAATGG	3150
TCTTCATGAA	GCTGGGCGCG	CTGACAGGTA	CGTACGTTTA	TAACCATCTT	3200
ACCCCACTGC	GGGACTGGGC	CCACGCGGGC	CTACGAGACC	TTGGGGTGGC	3250
GGTAGAGCCC	GTCGTCTTCT	CCGCCATGGA	GACCAAGGTC	ATCACCTGGG	3300
GAGCAGACAC	CGCTGCGTGT	GGGGACATCA	TCTTGGGTCT	ACCCGTCTCC	3350
GCCCGAAGGG	GGAAGGAGAT	ATTTTTTGGG	CCGGCTGATA	GTCTCGAAGG	3400
GCAAGGGTGG	CGACTCCTTG	CGCCCATCAC	GGCCTACTCC	CAACAAACGC	3450
GGGGCGTACT	TGGTTGCATC	ATCACTAGCC	TCACAGGCGG	GGACAAGAAC	3500
CAGGTGGAAG	GGGAGGTTCA	AGTGGTTTCT	ACCGCAACAC	AATCTTTCTT	3550
GGGACCTGC	ATCAACGGCG	TGTGCTGGAC	TGTCTACCAT	GGCGCTGGCT	3600
CGAAGACCCCT	AGCCGGTCCA	AAAGGTCCAA	TCACCCAAAT	GTACACCAAT	3650
GTAGACCTGG	ACCTCGTCCG	CTGGCAGGCG	CCCCCGGGG	CGCGCTCCAT	3700
GACACCATGC	AGCTGTGGCA	GCTCGGACCT	TTACTTGGTC	ACGAGACATG	3750
CTGATGTCAT	TCCGGTGCGC	CGGCGAGGCG	ACAGCAGGGG	AAGTCTACTC	3800

FIG. 4B
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10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	
TCCCCCAGGC	CCGTCTCCTA	CCTGAAAGGC	TCCTUGGGTG	GTCCATTGCT	3850
TTGCCCCCTCG	GGGCACGTCC	TGGGGCGTCT	CCGGGCTGCT	GTGTCCACCC	3900
GGGGGGTCCG	GAAGGCGGTG	GACTTTCATAC	CCGTTGAGTC	TATGGAAACT	3950
ACCATGCGGT	CTCCGGTCTT	CACAGACAAC	TCAACCCCCC	CGGCTGTACC	4000
GCAGACATTC	CAAGTGGCAC	ATCTGCACGC	TCCTACTGGC	AGCGGCAAGA	4050
GCACCAAGT	GCCGGCTGGG	TATGCAGCCC	AAGGGTACAA	GGTGCTGGTC	4100
CTGAACCCGT	CCGTTGCGGC	CACCTTAGGG	TTTGGGGCGT	ATATGTCCAA	4150
GGCACACGGT	ATCGACCCTA	ACATCAGAAC	TGGGGTAAAG	ACCATTAACA	4200
CGGGCGGCTC	CATTACGTAC	TCCACCTATG	GCAAGTTCTT	TGCCGACGGT	4250
GGCTGTCTCG	GGGGCGCCTA	TGACATCATA	ATATGTGATG	AGTGCCACTC	4300
AACTGACTCG	ACTACCATCT	TGGGCATCGG	CACAGTCTTG	GACCAAGCGG	4350
AGACGGCTGG	AGCGCGGCTC	GTGCTGCTCG	CCACCGCTAC	ACCTCCGGGA	4400
TCGGTTACCG	TGCCACACCC	CAATATCGAG	GAAATAGGCC	TGTCCAACAA	4450
TGGAGAGATC	CCCTTCTATG	GCAAAGOCAT	CCCATTTGAG	GCCATCAAGG	4500
GGGGGAGGCA	TCTCATTTTC	TGCCATTCCA	AGAAGAAATG	TGACGAGCTC	4550
GCCGCAAGC	TGACAGGCCT	CGGACTGAAC	GCTGTAGCAT	ATTACCGGGG	4600
CCTTGATGTG	TCCGTCATAC	CGCCTATCGG	AGACGTCGTT	GTGCTGGCAA	4650
CAGACGCTCT	AATGACGGGT	TTCACCGGCG	ATTTTGACTC	AGTGATCGAC	4700
TGCAATACAT	GTGTACCCCA	GACAGTCGAC	TTCAGCTTGG	ATCCACCTTT	4750
CACCATTTGAG	ACGACGACCG	TGCCCCAAGA	CGCGGTGTCC	CGCTCGCAAC	4800
GGCGAGGTAG	AACTGGCAGG	GGTAGGAGTG	GCATCTACAG	GTTTGTGACT	4850
CCAGGAGAAC	GGCCCTCGGG	CATGTTTCGAT	TCTTCGGTCC	TGTGTGAGTG	4900
CTATGACCGG	GGCTGTGCTT	GGTATGAGCT	CACGCCCGCT	GAGACCTCGG	4950
TTAGGTTGCG	GGCTTACCTA	AATACACCAG	GGTTGCCCGT	CTGCCAGGAC	5000
CATCTGGAGT	TCTGGGAGAG	CGTCTTCACA	GGCCTCACCC	ACATAGATGC	5050
CCACTTCCTG	TCCCAGACTA	AACAGGCAGG	AGACAACCTT	CCTTACCTGG	5100
TGGCATATCA	AGCTACAGTG	TGCGCCAGGG	CTCAAGCTCC	ACCTCCATCG	5150
TGGGACCAAA	TGTGGAAGTG	TCTCATACGG	CTGAAACCTA	CACTGCACGG	5200
GCCAACACCC	CTGCTGTATA	GGCTAGGAGC	CGTCCAAAAT	GAGGTTCATC	5250
TCACACACCC	CATAACTAAA	TACATCATGG	CATGCATGTC	GGCTGACCTG	5300
GAGGTCTGTA	CTAGCACCTG	GGTGCTGGTA	GGCGGAGTCC	TTGCAGCTTT	5350
GGCCGCATAC	TGCCTGACGA	CAGGCAGTGT	GGTCATTGTG	GGCAGGATCA	5400
TCTTGTCGGG	GAAGCCAGCT	GTGCTTCCCG	ACAGGGAAGT	CCTCTACCAG	5450
GAGTTCGATG	AGATGGAAGA	GTGTGCCCTCA	CAACTTCCTT	ACATCGAGCA	5500
GGGAATGCAG	CTCGCCGAGC	AATTCAAGCA	AAAGGCGCTC	GGGTGTGTGC	5550
AAACGGCCAC	CAAGCAAGCG	GAGGCTGCTG	CTCCCGTGGT	GGAGTCCAAG	5600
TGGCGAGCCC	TTGAGACCTT	CTGGGCGAAG	CACATGTGGA	ATTTTCATCAG	5650
CGGAATACAG	TACCTAGCAG	GCTTATCCAC	TCTGCCCTGGA	AACCCCGCGA	5700

FIG. 4C

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10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	
TAGCATCATT	GATGGCATT	ACAGCTTCTA	TCTAGTCCC	GCTCACCACC	5750
CAAAACACCC	TCTGTCTTAA	CATCTTGGGG	GGATGGGTGG	CTGCCCCACT	5800
CGCTCCTCCC	AGCGCTGCGT	CAGCTTTTGT	GGCGCGCGGC	ATGCGCGGAG	5850
CGGCTGTGTG	CAGCATAGGC	CTTGGGAAGG	TGCTCGTGGG	CATCTTGGCG	5900
GGCTATGGGG	CAGGGGTAGC	CGGCGCACTC	GTGGCCTTTA	AGGTCAATGAG	5950
CGGCGAGGTG	CCCTCCACCG	AGGAOCTGGT	CAACTTACTC	OCTGCCATCC	6000
TCTCTCCTGG	TGCCCCGGTC	GTGGGGGTGG	TGTGGGCAGC	AATACTGGGT	6050
CGGCACGTGG	GCCCCGGGAG	GGGGCGTGTG	CAGTGGATGA	ACCGGCTGAT	6100
AGCGTTUGCT	TGCGGGGGTA	ACCAOCTCTC	CCCTAGGCAC	TATGTGCCGT	6150
AGAGCGACGC	TGCAGCACGT	GTCACTCAGA	TCTCTCTTAG	CCTTAACATC	6200
ACTCAACTGC	TGAAGCGGCT	CCACCGATGG	ATTATATGAG	ACTGCTCTAC	6250
GCCATGCTCC	GGCTCGTGGC	TAAGGGATGT	TTGGGATTGG	ATATGCACGG	6300
TGTTGACTGA	CTTCAAGACC	TGGCTCCAGT	CCAAACTCCT	GCGCGGGTTA	6350
CCGGGAGTCC	CTTCTCTGTC	ATGCCAACGC	GGGTACAAGG	GAGTCTGGCG	6400
GGGGGACGGC	ATCATGCAAA	CCACCTGCCC	ATGCGGAGCA	CAGATCGCCG	6450
GACATGTCAA	AAACGGTTCC	ATGAGGATCG	TAGGGCCTAG	AACCTGCAGC	6500
AACACGTGGC	ACGGAAOCTT	CCCCATCAAC	GCATACACCA	CGGGACCTTG	6550
CACACCTTCC	CCGGCGCCCC	ACTATTCCAG	GGCGCTATGG	CGGGTGGCTG	6600
CTGAGGAGTA	CGTGGAGGTT	ACGCGTGTGG	GGGATTTCOA	CTACGTGACG	6650
GGCATGACCA	CTGACAACGT	AAAGTGCCCC	TGCCAGGTTT	CGGCCCCCGA	6700
ATTCTTTCAG	GAGGTGGATG	GAGTGCGGTT	GCACAGGTAC	GCTCCGGCGT	6750
GCAAACCTCT	TCTACGGGAG	GACGTACAGT	TCCAGGTCCG	GCTCAACCAA	6800
TACTTGGTGG	GGTGGCAGCT	CCCATGGGAG	CCCGAACCGG	ACGTAAACAGT	6850
GCTTACTTCC	ATGCTCACCG	ATCCCTCCCA	CATTACAGCA	GAGACGGCTA	6900
AGCGTAGGCT	GGCTAGAGGG	TCTCCCCCCT	CTTTAGCCAG	CTCATCAGCT	6950
AGCCAGTTGT	CTGGCCCTTC	TTTGAAGGCG	ACATGCACTA	CCCAACATGA	7000
CTCCCCGGAC	GCTGACCTCA	TGAGGGCCAA	CCTCTTGTGG	CGGCAGGAGA	7050
TGGGCGGAAA	CATCACTCGC	GTGGAGTCAG	AGAATAAGGT	AGTAATTCTG	7100
GACTCTTTTG	AACCGCTTCA	CGCGGAGGGG	GATGAGAGGG	AGATATCCGT	7150
CGCGGCGGAG	ATCCTGCGAA	AATCCAGGAA	GTTCCTCTCA	GCGTTGCCCA	7200
TATGGGCACG	CCCGGACTAC	AATCCTCCAC	TGCTAGAGTC	CTGGAAGGAC	7250
CCGGACTACG	TCCCTCCGGT	GGTACACCGA	TGCCCATTGC	CACTACCAA	7300
GGCTCCTCCA	ATACCACCTC	CACGGAGAAA	GAGGACGGTT	GTCTGACAG	7350
AATCCAATGT	GTCTTCTGCC	TTGGCGGAGC	TGCGCACTAA	GACCTTCGGT	7400
AGCTCCGGAT	CGTGGGCCGT	TGATAGCGGC	ACGGCGACCG	CCCTTCTCTG	7450
CCTGGCCTCC	GACGACGGTG	ACAAAGGATC	CGACGTGTAG	TGCTACTCCT	7500
CCATGCCCCC	CCTTGAAGGG	GAGCCGGGGG	ACCCCGATCT	CAGCGACGGG	7550
TCTTGGTCTA	CCGTGAGTGA	GGAGGCTAGT	GAGGATGTGG	TCTGCTGCTC	7600

FIG. 4D
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10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	
AATGTCTTAT	ACGTGGACAG	GCGCCCTGAT	CACGCCATGC	GCTGCGGAGG	7650
AAAGTAAGCT	GCCCATCAAC	COGTTGAGCA	ACTCTTTGCT	GCGTCACAC	7700
AACATGGTCT	ACGCCACAAC	ATCCCGCAGC	GCAAGCCTCC	GCCAGAAGAA	7750
GGTCACCTTT	GACAGATTGC	AAGTCTGGA	TGATCATTAC	CGGACGTAC	7800
TCAAGGAGAT	GAAGGCGAAG	GCGTCCACAG	TTAAGGCTAA	GCTTCTATCT	7850
ATAGAGGAGG	CCTGCAAGCT	GACGCCCCCA	CATTGGGACA	AATCCAAATT	7900
TGGCTATGGG	GCAAAGGACG	TCGGGAACCT	ATCCAGCAGG	GGCGTTAACC	7950
ACATCCGCTC	CGTGTGGGAG	GACTTGCTGG	AAGACACTGA	AACACCAATT	8000
GACACCACCA	TCATGGCAAA	AAGTGAGGTT	TTCTGGGTCC	AACCAGAGAA	8050
GGGAGGCCGC	AAGCCAGCTC	GCCTTATCGT	ATTCCAGAC	CTGGGAGTTC	8100
GTGTATGCGA	GAAGATGGCC	CTTTACGACG	TGGTCTCCAC	CCTTCTCCAG	8150
GCCGTGATGG	GCTCTCATA	CGGATTTCAA	TACTCCCCCA	AGCAGCGGGT	8200
CGAGTTCTTG	GTGAATACCT	GGAATCAAA	GAAATGCOCT	ATGGGCTTCT	8250
CATATGACAC	CCGCTGTTTT	GACTCAACGG	TCACTGAGAG	TGACATTCTG	8300
GTTGAGGAGT	CAATTACCA	ATGTTGTGAC	TTGGCCCCCG	AGGCCAGACA	8350
GGCCATAAGG	TGCTCACAG	AGCGGCTTTA	CATCGGGGGT	CCCCTGACTA	8400
ACTCAAAGG	GCAGAACTGC	GGTTATCGCC	GGTGCCGGGC	AAGTGGCGTG	8450
CTGACGACTA	GCTGCGGTAA	TACCTTCACA	TGTTACTTTGA	AGGCCACTGC	8500
AGCCTGTGCA	GCTGCAAAGC	TCCAGGACTG	CACGATGCTC	GTGAACGGAG	8550
ACGACCTTGT	CGTTATCTGT	GAAAGCGCCG	GAACCCAGGA	GGATGCGGGC	8600
GCCCTACGAG	CCTTCACGGA	GGCTATGACT	AGGTATTCCG	CCCCCCCCCG	8650
GGATCCGCCC	CAACCAGAAT	ACGACCTGGA	GCTGATAACA	TCATGTTCTT	8700
CCAATGTGTC	AGTCGCGCAC	GATGCATCTG	GCAAAAGGGT	ATACTACCTC	8750
ACCCGTGACC	CCACCACCCC	CCTTGCACGG	GCTGCGTGGG	AGACAGCTAG	8800
ACACACTCCA	ATCAACTCTT	GGCTAGGCAA	TATCATCATG	TATGCGCCCA	8850
CCCTATGGGC	AAGGATGATT	CTGATGACTC	ACTTTTCTC	CATCCTTCTA	8900
GCTCAAGAGC	AACTTGAAAA	AGCCCTGGAT	TGTCAGATCT	ACGGGGCTTG	8950
CTACTCCATT	GAGCCACTTG	ACCTACCTCA	GATCATTGAA	CGACTCCATG	9000
GTCTTAGCGC	ATTACACTC	CACAGTTACT	CTCCAGGTGA	GATCAATAGG	9050
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FIG. 4E

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FIG. 4G

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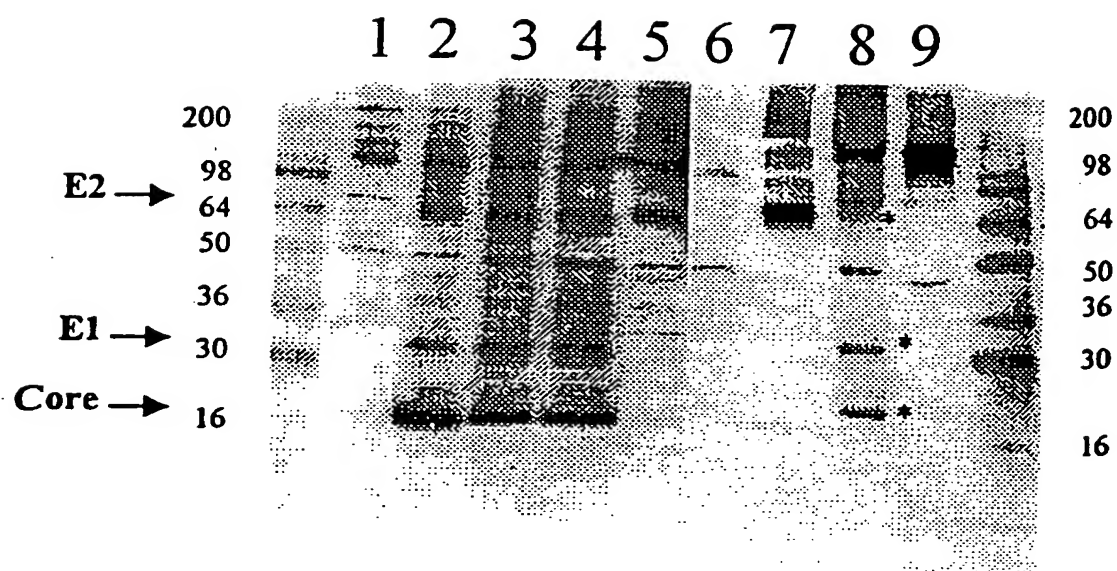


FIG. 5

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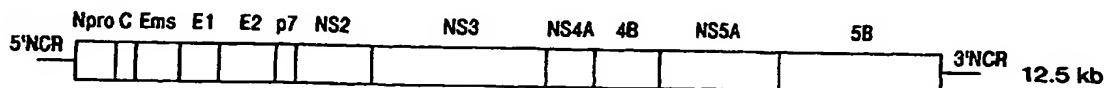
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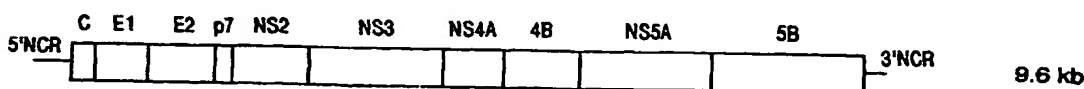
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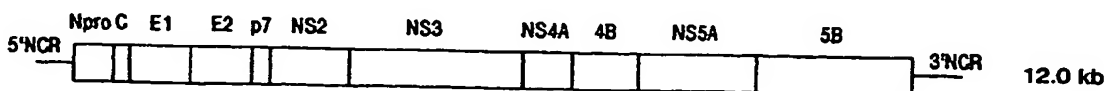
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HCV/BVDV (Chimeric RNA)



(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to molecular approaches to the production of nucleic acid sequences which comprise the genomes of chimeric hepatitis C virus-bovine viral diarrhea viruses (HCV-BVDV). The invention also relates to the use of these chimeric nucleic acid sequences to produce chimeric virions in cells and the use of these chimeric virions in HCV antibody neutralization assays, and for the development of vaccines and therapeutics for HCV.

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A nucleic acid molecule comprising a chimeric virus genome, said genome being a BVDV genome in which the non-structural region of the BVDV genome has been replaced by the non-structural region of a hepatitis C virus genome; a DNA construct comprising said molecule; an RNA transcript of said DNA construct; a host cell transfected with said DNA construct or RNA transcript; a chimeric HCV-BVDV produced by said host cell; a composition comprising said virus.

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